

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Brecksville, Ohio

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National Park Service
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DRAFT Trail Management Plan & Environmental Impact Statement – 2012

Dear Friends,

The Draft Trail Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is now available for public review and comment. Information on how to view the plan, participate in meetings, and provide comments are in this newsletter.

The Plan is a testament to the Cuyahoga Valley's legacy of citizenry, restoration and outdoor recreation. The Trail Plan includes hundreds of ideas collected over the two year planning process. The comments provided and incorporated in the plan range from people who use and enjoy Cuyahoga Valley National Park on a weekly basis to once in their lifetime.

Your participation is an important piece to the planning process. This Trail Management Plan is an opportunity for us to work together, to protect and restore the cultural and natural park resources, while creating a world-class trail system for the recreational enjoyment of present and future generations.

Thank you for your participation and interest in the future of Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Austin".

Stan Austin
Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Purpose of the Trail Management Plan

The Draft Trail Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) aims to develop a blueprint that will guide the expansion, restoration, management, operations and use of the trail system and its associated amenities over the next 15 years, while keeping with the purpose, mission and significance of Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

As a result of input received during the planning process, the Park set forth goals and objectives to guide the development of the Plan and its consideration of proposed actions. The goals for the Plan include that the trail network provides for a variety of trail users, shares the features significant to the Park, minimizes impacts to park resources, can be sustained for future generations, and engages cooperative partnerships.

Public Comment Process

A 60-day public comment period has now begun for the Draft Plan. Upon the end of this public comment period, the Park will develop a Final Plan and EIS.

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How to Participate

The Draft Trail Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is now available for public review and comment. Public comment will be accepted through August, 20, 2012. You may provide comments using any one of the following methods:

- Written Comments at a public meeting (see schedule and locations below);
- Comment online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cuyahogatrailplan>; or
- Mail written comments to Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, OH, 44141.

Comments will not be accepted by fax or email.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Where can I view the Plan/DEIS?

Digital copies of the full plan and a 24-page Executive Summary are available for download online at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cuyahogatrailplan>

Reference copies of the Plan, for viewing purposes, are also available at the following locations:

Cleveland– Cuyahoga County

Cleveland Main Public Library,
325 Superior Ave., N.E., Cleveland
Cuyahoga County Brecksville Branch,
9089 Brecksville Road, Brecksville
Independence Branch,
6361 Selig Drive, Independence

Akron -Summit County

Akron Main Library, 60 S. High Street, Akron
Nordonia Hills Branch,
9458 Olde Eight Road, Northfield
Peninsula Public Library,
6105 Riverview Road, Peninsula

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Canal Visitor Center,
7104 Canal Road, Valley View
Boston Store Visitor Center,
1550 Boston Mills Road, Peninsula

Public Meeting Dates and Times. The Public meetings will begin with a short presentation, followed by general questions, and public comment stations. All meetings will have the same information.

Tuesday, July 24, 2012
Cleveland Metroparks
Canalway Center
4524 E. 49th Street
Cleveland

6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, July 25, 2012
Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Happy Days Lodge
501 W. Streetsboro Road
Peninsula

6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, July 26, 2012
Akron Main Public Library
60 S. High Street
Akron

6:30-8:30pm

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